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The Lowest Down Rascal in Any City is a Dancing Methodist: says Billy Sunday

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE'S NEW PRINCIPAL IS INSTALLED AT IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES

Governor Henderson, Northern Trustees and Thousands of Friends of School Witness the Inauguration of Successor to Booker T. Washington on Memorable Occasion.

Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Robert Russa Moton, former Commandant at Hampton Institute, Virginia, was installed formally as principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute today under circumstances particularly impressive. This being the first installation of a principal of Tuskegee Institute, the interest of the whole nation both white and black was focused on Tuskegee. For several weeks friends of Principal Moton and old friends of the late Dr. Washington had been sending in letters indicating their intention to be present. For more than a week before the commencement exercises began these visitors started their pilgrimage to Tuskegee. Special cars came, not only from Montgomery, Opelika and other points in the state, but also from Chicago, from Virginia and other points north.

The inaugural exercises in the afternoon were preceded by an imposing procession. In the line of march were Southern and Northern Trustees of the

tute, but has been considered in a way as a part of the Tuskegee Institute for many years. Moreover, he had been at Tuskegee Institute for the last week or so working among both students and teachers, and those who had not known him had come to consider him as one of the Tuskegee Institute big family, and had well adopted him by the time he was inaugurated.

Principal Moton's address was listened to attentively. He pledged himself to carry out the policies inaugurated by Booker T. Washington, and spoke in part as follows:

Enthusiastically Greeted.

"While the outlook was never more hopeful, the negro problem is not yet solved," said Major Moton. "While there is a great encouragement in the fact that 70 per cent of the Negro population can read and write it is not safe to assume that 70 per cent of the Negroes are really and truly educated. Our progress in this country has been wonderful and we have every reason for rejoicing; but shiftness, disease, inefficiency and crime are entirely too prevalent among our people. Color and conduct still count in this question, but let us remember that conduct counts more than color."

Major Moton reminded his hearers that in his last talk from the same platform Dr. Washington spoke on the importance and value of teamwork.

"If teamwork was necessary in this school under the leadership of Dr. Washington," he continued, "how much more imperative it is now that we have not the help and inspiration of his words and presence."

Must Maintain Same Spirit.

"If we are to be true to the great and sacred trust, if we are to carry out the aims and purposes of Booker T. Washington, we must each cherish and maintain the spirit which has always permeated the life and work of this school—the spirit of self-forgetfulness—the spirit of service and sacrifice—the Tuskegee spirit—the spirit of co-operation and consecration. It is only in this spirit that the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute can continue to render service to the Negro, to the state and to the nation."

Major Moton was selected to succeed Dr. Washington by a unanimous vote of a special committee of the board of trustees of the institute in New York on December 29 last. In making the choice the committee referred to him as "another forceful personality." He was born in Amelia county, Virginia, in 1867, and spent his early years on the Vaughan plantation in Prince Edward county. His mother was cook at the big house and his father led the hands on the plantation. He was sent to Hampton Institute in 1885, graduating five years later. He remained as drill master and assistant commandant of cadets. In 1890 he became commandant, a position which he held until his election as principal at Tuskegee.

Prominent People Present.

Glancing over the veritable sea of faces during the exercises, one recognized men of such prominence as: Hon. Charles Henderson, governor of Alabama; William G. Wilcox, trustee, New York; Charles E. Mason, trustee, Boston; Julius Rosenwald, trustee, Chicago; Wm. M. Scott, trustee, Philadelphia; W. W. Campbell, vice chairman, board of trustees, Tuskegee; R. O. Simpson, trustee, Furman, Ala.; Belmont Gilreath, trustee, Birmingham; V. H. Tulane, trustee, Montgomery; Miss Mary E. Popham, secretary Hampton Association, New York; Dr. Hollis B. Frissell, principal Hampton Industrial and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va.; Miss Mary E. Wooley, president Mount Holyoke college, South Hadley, Mass.; Charles E. Mason, Harvard university; Dr. Allison A. Fringe, representing University of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Cox college, College Park, Ga.; Ludwig F. Laven, Talladega, Ala. College; Dr. T. W. Palmer, Alabama Girls' Technical Institute, Montevallo; Prof. N. B. Young, president Florida A. & M. college, Tallahassee; James L. Sibley, Reuben F. Kolb, Walter F. Walker, secretary to president of Republic of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia.

There were at least a hundred prominent persons composing the Chicago party and about the same number representing Hampton Institute.

Trustees, officers, teachers and students of the institute were very much pleased with the presence of Governor Henderson and the important Southern white friends who were present at the inaugural. Governor Henderson, spoke words of welcome to Principal Moton and pledged the continued interest of the best white and colored people in the work being done at Tuskegee Institute.

Governor Henderson Moton.

He said: "Although I had never met Booker Washington, I had great confidence and faith in him and I believe that the indorsements Major Moton has brought to Tuskegee that you will carry out his same promises and methods."

Among the Sun's welcome callers this week were Wm. Herbert Fields of St. Louis, National Grand Master of A. S. and D. of A. and a prominent figure in the recent general conference of the Zion church. Hon. A. W. Lloyd, Grand Chancellor of the K. of P., out on his official visit and Rev. Dr. P. C. Crews of Columbia, Mo., presiding elder of that district, who was attending the meeting of the Western University board of trustees.

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NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE OUR GUESTS.

In last week's issue some of the plans of entertainment were explained. The greatest social event of the season will be the great banquet and reception to be tendered the delegates and visitors in Convention Hall. At this affair the citizens of Greater Kansas City will have the opportunity of meeting hundreds of prominent men and women who represent million of dollars. The National Negro Business League is composed of broad minded, big hearted men and women who have started at the bottom and worked their way to success. They are going to travel hundreds of miles at their own expense, in order to come to Kansas City for the purpose of telling the Negroes of this section how they have succeeded in their special lines of business. Many of them started without capital or experience. They hope to inspire our people of this city and state to make effort along business and professional lines. They want us to profit by their mistakes and avoid the pitfalls and unnecessary disadvantages which they have undergone. It will be a great opportunity for every man, woman and child to go to the daily session and hear the talks made by the great men and women. Now we have tried to explain to you our plan of entertainment for our guests. The Executive Committee says it will take \$3,000 to entertain them in a way befitting Kansas City. We want every man and woman in Kansas City to take part in entertaining our guests. Subscriptions will be received from \$1 to \$50. Everyone who subscribes \$1 or more will be given a badge whereby they will be recognized by the delegates and visitors as one of the citizens of Kansas City who made it possible for them to be so royally entertained. Everyone who subscribes \$5 or more will have their names printed in the Souvenir Program as one of Kansas City's Boogie. If one of our authorized collectors doesn't call on you, just mail your subscription to J. A. Wilson, 1616 West 9th street, or J. Dallas Bower, 2409 Paseo. Our authorized collectors at present are as follows: Madame Ida M. Beck, Northeast corner 23d and Michigan. Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, 2608 Highland.

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NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY.

A. M. E. CONFERENCE CLOSES.

The report of the committee on temporal economy was the most important business before the quadrennial conference of the African M. E. church Monday. The temporal committee recommended that the bishops' salaries be increased to cover the cost of episcopal residences, provided, however, the bishops lived in their districts. The delegates refused to accept this recommendation and also refused in every instance to increase any appropriations to schools.

The report of the episcopal committee recommended making Nova Scotia a beneficiary of the missionary department. The bishops were assigned for the next four years as follows:

- First District—Bishop Evans Tyree.
- Second District—Bishop J. Albert Johnson.
- Third District—Bishop Cornelius T. Schaffer.
- Fourth District—Bishop Levi J. Coplin.
- Fifth—Bishop H. P. Parks.
- Sixth District—Bishop Joseph S. Flipper.
- Seventh District—Bishop W. D. Chappelle.
- Eighth District—Bishop William H. Heard.
- Ninth District—Bishop E. F. Lee.
- Tenth District—Bishop C. S. Smith.
- Eleventh District—Bishop John Hurst.
- Twelfth District—J. M. Conner.
- Fifteenth District—Joshua H. Jones.

The two newly elected bishops were assigned to the work in South and West Africa. West Africa is known as the Thirteenth episcopal district, where Bishop Isaac N. Ross will preside. Bishop W. W. Beckett will preside over the Fourteenth district, in South Africa.

Much confusion followed the request of Ira T. Bryant of Nashville, Tenn., for information in regard to the punishment provided for in the majority report of the episcopal committee on the charges which were preferred against Bishop Jones, and which provided for a reprimand. The bishop finally said that the reprimand had been made by the bishops in executive session.

As a result of his losing out in his fight to be elected supervising architect of the denomination, J. A. Lanford of Jacksonville, Fla., hurled epithets at Bishop John Hurst and J. R. Hawkins, financial secretary of the denomination. He called the bishop a scoundrel and Hawkins a cur. When he told the latter he would fight him, the latter called his bluff. The men were about to come together, but cool heads intervened.

- The anniversary sermon to Lincoln High school graduates and school will be preached by Rev. R. Davis of Centennial M. E. church at 9:45 Sunday morning.
- June 4, in Lincoln High school auditorium. The ministers of the city, the alumni, parents and public are cordially invited to be present. Special music. The services begin at 9:45 promptly and close at 10:45.

JUST ONE HOUR.

A KING HIS PUPIL.

Johnson is Now Teaching Boxing in Spain.

Chicago, May 31.—Jack Johnson has started a boxing academy in Madrid, according to information received from the ex-champion by a friend. One of his pupils is said to be King Alfonso.

Johnson left London some time ago at the suggestion of British authorities. He intended to go to Argentina, but dropped off in Spain. He has engaged in two bouts in the Spanish capital, defeating Frank Crozier on March 16 and knocking out Arthur Gruhan, Spanish heavy weight champion, two weeks later.

All Lincoln High school graduates are requested to come to the Lincoln High school auditorium at 9:45 a. m. Sunday to hear the anniversary sermon to graduates.

HAIL BILLY SUNDAY.

For the first time in our life we heard Billy Sunday last Sunday deliver his famous "boogie" sermon, and to say that we were hypnotized—enthralled—enchanted and reconverted anew is but feebly telling the whole truth.

Never in our life have we ever heard any man, white or black, living or dead, impress us as did this apostle of God and righteousness, and I only wish every Negro in Kansas City could have heard him.

Had he preached such a wonderful sermon as he did in one of our churches with us Colored people's propensity for "shouting," they'd been putting in new seats until yet. God Bless Billy Sunday. He and Theodore Roosevelt are the two greatest and most useful men living today.

PROF. MARQUESS' FAREWELL TO KANSAS CITY AN OVATION

A WONDERFUL ADDRESS

On Friday evening, May 26, in the spacious auditorium of the Kansas City, Kas., High school, the most touching tribute of appreciation and esteem was paid Prof. John M. Marquess, the retiring principal of Sumner High school, by the citizens of our proud metropolis.

Packed to its utmost to witness the commencement exercises of the largest graduating class in the career of Sumner, and the last under Prof. Marquess' skillful management, the occasion was truly adapted to and fittingly selected for the demonstration of confidence and of high estimation of this brilliant scholar and educator, who in the eight years of living in our midst endeared himself to the entire community and proved himself worthy of the highest honors in the gift of the citizenship; who during this same period as principal of Sumner High school, brought it out of the unpromising and unsavory connections of its origin to a position of respectability and of fame in the educational system of our city and community, and through whose supervision and government it has won a name and a place of honor among the institutions of learning in our state and in the nation.

More than 2,000 of the citizens—mothers seriously interested in the welfare of their sons and daughters; fathers jealous of the sanctity of their children's rights, opportunities and honor—patrons animated with pride in the race's endeavor and achievements were present to hear the farewell address of their prized educator and honored member of the race and to bid him God speed and continued success in his future work.

Past Grand Master of Masons of Kansas, C. H. Milton Collins, in an eloquent and forceful address in behalf of the citizens of Kansas City, Kas., presented Mr. Marquess a large and beautifully engraved loving cup, with the names of the contributors to its purchase. But elegant and valuable a sthis gift was, it was only a small token of the regard in which Mr. Marquess is held here; it was only a gentle reminder to him that his years of service in our community will ever be cherished as years of usefulness; it was only an assurance to him that his goodness to Kansas City, Kas., are indelibly inscribed on the memory of an appreciative public.

The occasion will ever be remembered for it gave renewed evidence of the unbounded confidence of the entire citizenship of Kansas City, Kas., in this man of the race, who with grace and dignity represented it these last eight years in the social and civic life of the community; who with zeal and capability championed its cause in the councils of the high; who with fidelity and devotion served its interests towards the attainment of the ideals of true manhood and womanhood, and of an elevated citizenship with its accorded rights and privileges.

It was an evidence of regret at the loss of the services of this efficient and honorable man to our educational system and civic life, yet, an assurance that we do not begrudge his advancement and rise in life, but wish him even greater success—for every such record among our race is inspiration to its individual members.

It was an augur that his fertile brain and larger soul will be equal to the increased responsibilities of his new field at Langston, and that like credit will be done our brother of Oklahoma by his measuring up to his greater possibilities and higher honors, as he reflected while laboring on the free soil of Kansas.

The unexpectedness of this outburst obviously affected Mr. Marquess, who in a masterly speech of acceptance, returned the compliments paid him, and expressed his gratefulness for the friendships he has formed here, and the hearty co-operation received in his efforts of betterment and uplift.

J. G. N. SOANES.

EJECTED FROM "WHITE" CAR

Wife of Tuskegee Institute Head Was in Pullman in Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., May 29.—Mrs. Robert B. Moton, wife of the new president of the Tuskegee Institute, was ejected from a Pullman car at Troy, while on her way back to Hampton, Va. She was accompanied by Blanton Moton, her brother-in-law. The couple secured Pullman berths in Montgomery, it is said. Between Montgomery and Troy the white passengers made objections and an officer was called when the train stopped at Troy. The train was held up while the couple were moved to the regular Negro car at the front of the train, where they spent the rest of the night.

Major Moton stated today that he had not heard from his wife or brother, other than that they had arrived in Savannah. He said he has always deferred to Southern public opinion in the matter of racial relationship.



DEAN VAUGHAN OF WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

As he may be seen early in the morning at his desk at work. In the recent General Conference at Philadelphia he was Secretary of the Committee on Theological Seminaries, member of the Committee to Standardize the course of study of all the Theological Seminaries of the A. M. E. Connection; member of Committee on Social Conditions of the Colored People of the United States. During General Conference called down to Baltimore to deliver an address at Bethel, the finest church in the connection. Next week from his pen we will have an interesting article on the General Conference.

Institute, the Principal-elect, Officers and Teachers, Representatives of Colleges and Universities, Visitors, Members of the Tuskegee Institute Alumni Association, and the Graduating Class which followed the Student Body. Beginning on the Tuskegee Institute Battalion Grounds, the students formed their line of march, joined in front of the Carnegie Library by the Faculty, Trustees, Visitors and Alumni. The line then threaded its way down through the Tuskegee Institute campus by way of White Hall, Douglass Hall, up the hill by Pinehurst and then in a straight line to the Chapel.

Booker T. Washington Missed.

In reviewing the line of march, and indeed throughout the Commencement Exercises, for that matter, the older teachers present, and those visitors who frequent Tuskegee could but miss the presence of Dr. Washington. They missed his promptness in heading the line, and his presence in carrying things forward. This was not only noticed particularly on commencement Sunday, but even before the season began. It is a practice of the graduating class to form a line and march through the campus, singing "Auld Lang Syne." Many evenings while they were rehearsing this song the thought of the absence of him who had so often presided at Commencement Season and who enjoyed so much the Senior Exercises brought ears to the eyes of teachers and students at the very thought of having the season without him. However, as far as carrying out the general program is concerned, and having everything in its place and everything on time the spirit of the man was still at Tuskegee Institute.

Exercises Have Characteristic Snap.

From beginning to end the Commencement Exercises had that snap and go which for twenty years have

marked the beginning of the afternoon exercises on the one hand and closed the students' part of the program, on the other. After the singing of the "Anvil Chorus" by the Institute choir, the inaugural exercises began.

Formal Address Made.

Dr. Hollis Burke Frissell, principal of the Hampton Agricultural and Industrial Institute, made the first formal address of the afternoon. Dr. Frissell has been principal of Hampton Institute since the death of General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, under whom both Washington and Moton were trained. Dr. Frissell was a teacher at Hampton Institute during the time that both Washington and Moton were pupils in that far-famed institution. He paid an eloquent tribute to the principal-elect, and prophesied an administration which should seek to carry out the methods which had been so successfully put in operation by Booker T. Washington.

Dr. H. T. Kealing, president of Western University, Quindaro, Kas., spoke on behalf of institutions for colored youth. Dr. Kealing is one of the most eloquent speakers of the Negro race, and he lived up to his reputation in the address delivered today.

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